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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: The underscore between terms “pictorial” and “images” must be removed (specification, page 1, line 26).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U. S.

Patent No. 6, 842, 185 B1 (Mavrommati et al.), herein referred to as Mavrommati.

Referring to claims 1 and 12, Mavrommati discloses a method for navigating through a repository of graphical displays and maintain knowledge of the location of any display currently being viewed (column 4, lines 26-38). Mavrommati discloses displaying a main folder of directories in the repository from which a user can select one of the directories to navigate through to review graphical displays (column 1, lines 10-15). Mavrommati discloses displaying the complete hierarchical information for a selected directory from the main folder of directories, hierarchical information includes the categories of graphical display sets for a selected entry in the directory (column 1, lines 45-48). Mavrommati discloses displaying a viewing screen of the graphical display sets for a selected graphical display set, the viewing screen containing a row of

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buttons corresponding to the number of display sets in the selected category (column 1, lines 45-48) and a second row of buttons corresponding to the number of displays in a selected display set (column 4, lines 20-25) and displaying a graphical display corresponding to one of buttons selected from the row of buttons corresponding to the number of displays in a selected display set (column 4, lines 26-29).

Referring to claim 2, Mavrommati discloses displaying a set of entries for a selected directory from the main folder of directories, determining whether the selected entry is a sub-directory, when the selected entry is a sub-directory, displaying entries from the current sub-directory, determining whether a selected entry in the current sub-directory is a sub-directory, when the selected entry in the current sub-directory is a sub-directory, displaying entries from the current sub-directory and repeating steps (d) and (e) until a selected entry in a sub-directory is not a sub-directory (column 4, lines 45-50).

Referring to claims 3 and 14, Mavrommati discloses initially displaying a thumbnail view of a selected graphical display prior to displaying a full view of the selected graphical display (column 2, lines 2-6).

Referring to claims 4 and 15, Mavrommati discloses displaying a full screen version of a selected graphical display following the initial thumbnail view of a selected graphical display (column 2, lines 6-11).

Referring to claims 5 and 16, Mavrommati discloses that for each directory that is a sub-directory the step of displaying the set of entries in that sub-directory when a cursor moves over that entry (column 3, lines 34-37).

Referring to claims 6 and 17, Mavrommati discloses displaying a set of categories of graphical display groups, each group containing sets of graphical displays (column 4, lines 28-32).

Referring to claims 7 and 18, Mavrommati discloses displaying entries for a selected directory or sub-directory further comprises reading pointer information located in the selected directory and returning objects of the pointer (column 3, lines 33-42).

Referring to claims 8 and 19, Mavrommati discloses that entries from a directory or sub-directory are displayed when a cursor moves over a directory or sub-directory (column 3, lines 32-45).

Referring to claims 9 and 20, Mavrommati discloses that a set of entries for an entry selected from a directory or subdirectory are displayed when the selected entry is a directory, sub-directory or display category set (column 4, lines 50-59).

Referring to claims 10 and 21, Mavrommati discloses displaying the complete hierarchical information for a selected directory from the main folder of directories further comprises simultaneously displaying each selected directory and sub-directory as a window on the same display screen (column 4, lines 15-60).

Referring to claims 11 and 22, Mavrommati discloses highlighting each selected entry in each selected directory or sub-directory (column 3, lines 32-37).

Referring to claim 13, Mavrommati discloses displaying a set of entries for a selected directory from the main folder of directories, determining whether the selected entry is a sub-directory, when the selected entry is a sub-directory, displaying entries from the current sub-directory, determining whether a selected entry in the current sub-directory is a sub-directory,

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when the selected entry in the current sub-directory is a sub-directory, displaying entries from the current sub-directory and moving from one sub-directory to another sub-directory until a selected entry in a sub-directory is not another sub-directory (column 4, lines 45-50).

Referring to claim 23, Mavrommati discloses a system for navigating through a repository of graphical displays and maintain knowledge of the location of any display currently being viewed (column 4, lines 26-38). Mavrommati discloses a local computer, a display repository housed in a containing graphical displays (column 4, lines 60-67). Mavrommati discloses displays being arranged into sets of displays and stored in the repository in a directory hierarchical tree configuration containing a series of sub-directories that link to the location of a display in the repository (column 1, lines 45-55 and column 5, lines 4-7). Mavrommati discloses a computer network for establishing communication between the local computer and the display repository (column 5, lines 12-15). Mavrommati discloses a navigator program for maneuvering through the directories and sub-directories of graphical displays and control buttons on a screen of a local computer to provide selecting a specific graphical display from a set of displays in a display group (column 3, lines 46-65).

Referring to claim 24, Mavrommati discloses that the display repository resides in a server machine on the computing network (column 5, lines 12-15).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(c) to consider these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach the method for navigating through graphical displays.

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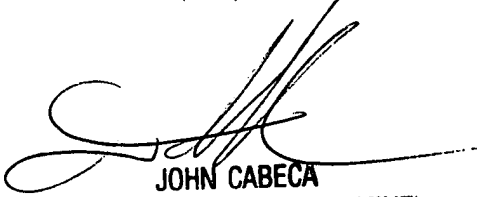
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Namitha Pillai whose telephone number is (571) 272-4054. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571) 272-4048.

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